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Group Art Unit: 2876

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Examiner: Lisa M. CAPUTO

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For: OPTIONAL PART FOR APPARATUS, APPARATUS HAVING OPTIONAL PART,
ACCESS DEVICE, METHOD FOR DISTRIBUTING OPTIONAL PART AND INK
CARTRIDGE

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

MAIL STOP AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated January 18, 2006, please amend the above-
identified application as follows on the accompanying pages.

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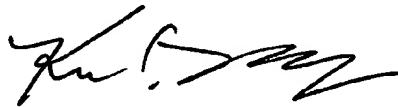
6,312,115 to Hara. Applicant has cancelled claims 1-18 without prejudice. Therefore, Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to withdraw the rejection.

Conclusion

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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